

SENATOR WYCHOFF MISSING

LEFT ASBURY, N. J., WITH A STEAMER TRUNK ON THURSDAY.

Have Lost Through Him Large Sum—
Responsible for \$85,000 of Bonds Which
Even Is Said to Have Hypothecated.

It isn't much to boast of as a business centre. The town is a mile from the railroad station, and numbers only 400 people. It has a church or two and a Post Office, but no bank and no manufacturing industries.

By all odds Asbury's most conspicuous citizen has been ex-Senator Martin Wechoff, lawyer for half the town, trustee in many estates, and general adviser to investors. Senator Wechoff has lived all his life in Asbury. The G. A. R. men called him Captain, for he served as such in a nine-month New Jersey regiment, and the others referred to him as "The Senator." Many of the farmers around

Ex-Senator Wychoff left Ashbury on last Thursday morning and he hasn't been heard from since. He said to his son-in-law, H. M. Riddle, on the evening before leaving that he was ruined financially, and rather than stay and face his friends and acquaintances who had trusted him he would go away.

to a question which kept all Warren county residents guessing yesterday. His son-in-law says it will not be more than \$30,000. In the adjoining towns it was said that the amount would be nearer \$200,000.

Senator Wychoff is a slimly built man about 50 years old, with a sandy complexion and a good deal of energy. His neighbors say he was a steam engine for work, and always on the go. Everyone liked him. In addition to being a lawyer, he was a surveyor and a spec-

he lived very modestly in an old-fashioned house, and made no display.

When "Napoleon" lives was astonishing. By the street by his financial feats, Senator Wychoff had great faith in him. Senator Wychoff had in his possession for safekeeping a good many stocks and bonds. Part of these securities belonged to relatives and the rest to friends. He placed them on deposit with Mrs. Irwin. Riddle says that when Irwin went down Senator Wychoff discovered these stocks and bonds had been hypothecated. They were a total loss. Senator Wychoff was so proud of his reputation as an American that he was not able to

In addition to this loss, Senator Wychoff has had other misfortunes. According to one story Mrs. Mary Carpenter gave him \$1,800 to

invest for her in Morris & Leach stock, Senator Wychoff bought the stock and placed it in his hip pocket. In some way it fell out and never was found. He speculated, unfortunately, in woodland. His neighbors say that he lost in this transaction because he didn't watch closely enough the market. He used to work in his wood yard. Some men thought a year ago that Senator Wychoff was talking very close to the wind, but he reassured them.

When it became known in Asbury that Senator Wychoff had gone away there was a

rent hustling around of farmers who had given him money to invest. Mr. Biddle, his son-in-law, told them that he would return, and that matters would be straightened out.

As far as he was able, Senator Wychoff protected those people who could least afford to lose money. He deeded property to his son-in-law and his daughter to secure them the money that they had loaned him. He also

male transfers of other property to poor families. The value of the property was \$14,000 which had been inherited by Mrs. Kidd from her mother, Wychoff's first wife. The property was sold to the bank for \$5,000. This was not secured. John Statts, the proprietor of the Commercial Hotel in Commerce, gave Senator Wychoff \$10,000 worth of Missouri, Kansas and Texas first mortgage bonds secured by the property as became of them. He had no security. Robert Milroy, a farmer, loaned him \$3,000 on a mortgage on a farm as security. There was no security for the \$5,000 loaned by Senator Wychoff bought a ticket for the train and left town on Thursday morning. He did not get back until Saturday morning. The senator noticed that it was heavy and said: "Senator, what have you got in the trunk?" "Oh, nothing but some books and printed matter that I am taking to New York," was the answer. "Nothing has been heard from him since he went away."

THE MEDAL OF HONOR LEGION.

Anguish Veterans Celebrate the Anniversary of Appomattox.

"The Medal of Honor Legion has one distinguishing feature," said the Hon. Amos J. Cummings to less than a score of the battle-carried veterans of that body at their annual dinner in celebration of Appomattox Day, at Wallace's, Fifth avenue and Nineteenth street, last night. "It really is the Medal of honor to honor so many of the Cross of the Legion of Honor of France. That medal, established by Napoleon, lost its usefulness when it descended into civil war. It was then given to the French, and has been given to others than Frenchmen. It has been given to Americans. But the American medal of honor is given to men who are not only Americans. It is solely for the brave soldiers and sailors who distinguished themselves in the service of the United States navy—the bravest of the men who fought to

The New York members of this little band, the flower of the nation's chivalry, who were present are: Chairman John B. Cook, (Gen. John B. Cook, Jr., U. S. Army, Retired), Chairman, Major John D. Terry, Capt. Har-vey May Munsell, Capt. Francis W. Judge, Capt. Abram D. Haring, Lieut. Patrick Connelley, the Hon. Amos A. Phelps, Hon. Charles B. Sargent, Hon. Francis Cronin, Col. Morrissey, Benjamin J. Levy, Thomas Davis, and Philip Kearny Mindl, companies of the Legion A. B. de Troce, Col John A. Hull, and Edw F. Merrill were the invited guests.

Every man responded to a toast. Toasts were drunk to the health of those who could not be present, and in memory of the fallen who are dead. Side by side, Generals and private and shellback. The Medal of Honor Legion knows no social distinction, recognizes

John I. Cook presided, and called upon General Butterfield to respond to "Our Leaders." Cook, a member of the Massachusetts National Guard, is a descendant of American warriors are the first men of God's foot soldiers. General Butterfield, who spoke next, recently received his medal for distinguished bravery in action, "for which he was expected to receive the Medal of Honor for his commanding officers." (Gen. James H. Belme, the Commander of the Legion, was unable to come from Washington to attend the dinner.) Col. John A. Cocks, a member of the 1st New York Cavalry, spoke next. "The fifteenth New York Cavalry," which he commanded; Major John D. Terry represented the Massachusetts Regiments, and Capt. William H. Smith, the 1st New York Cavalry.

nety-ninth Pennsylvania, spoke for the volunteers of that State. Col. A. B. de Frece, who was a warm friend of the Legion, answered for "The Guests." It was long after midnight when the veterans parted.

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